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SUBJ: SAO TOME LIBERATION MOVEMENT ACTIVITIES IN GABON

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1. GABONESE MEDIA ANNOUNCED AUGUST 8 (ITEM ALSO CARRIED BY AFP) THAT OFFICIAL GABONESE SOURCES HAD RECEIVED WITH "TOTAL SATISFACTION" ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES AND THE MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE (MLSTP). WE ASSUME GABONESE REFERRING TO AUGUST 4 DECLARATION IN LISBON ON OCCASION OF VISIT BY UN SECGEN WALDHEIM TO EFFECT PEOPLES OF ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE HAVE THE RIGHT TO "SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE."

2. GABONESE DECLARATION STRESSES "LONG AND PATIENT EFFORTS" BY PRESIDENT GONGO TO ARRANGE DIALOGUE BETWEEN MLSTP AND GOP. PORTUGUESE HAD "FORGOTTEN" SAO TOME
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BUT HAD BEEN REMINDED OF ITS CLAIMS BY RECENT GOG

MISSION TO LISBON. GENERAL DE SPINOLA'S DECISION BEGIN
DECOLONIZATION OF THE TWO ISLANDS PRAISED AS ACT OF
UNDERSTANDING AND GREATNESS OF SOUL. GABONESE
DECLASRATION CONCLUDES NOTING PRESIDENT BONGO
ALWAYS AT THE DISPOSITION OF THOSE WHO FIGHT FOR
LIBERTY, JUSTICE AND PEACE.

3. COMMENT: BONGO DETERMINED TO PLAY ROLE AS INTER-
MEDIARY BETWEEN PORTUGUESE AND MLSTP AND TO CLAIM CREDIT
FOR ANY PROGRESS MADE BY TWO SIDES.
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